(2) Meetings with Area Managers, Area General Manager on all working Fridays any time between 10.00 AM to 1.00 PM without prior appointment.

(3) Holding of Open House Sessions in different areas from time to time.

(4) Convening of Telephone Adalats once every three months for face to face discussion and settlement of individual grievances.

(5) Periodic meetings by the CGM with eminent user organisations like Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), SIA, Confederation of Engineering Industries (CEI) etc.

(6) Introduction of Dynamic STD Locking facility in electronic exchanges constituting 68 per cent of the total capacity. The facility obviates any misuse of STD.

(7) Replacement programme of old exchanges by electronic exchanges (approx. 70000 lines replaced already)

(8) Other improvements and additional facilities in the network like Customer Service Centres, Quick Customer Service Centres etc.

(9) Development plans for new lines.

The members of SIA were satisfied with positive interaction. These steps will benifit not only the members of SIA but all the customers of Delhi.

Revision of auto-rickshaws and taxi fares

1500. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:
SHRI SOM PAL:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether fares of auto-riskshaws and taxis have been revised twice in the past:

(b) if so, the details of revision allowed during each exercise;

(c) whether instructions have been issued to drivers of auto-riskshaws and taxis to display the revised fares chart in their vehicles;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether meters of some auto-riskshaws and texis have been tempered with in order to cheat the passengers;

(f) whether some drives have been undertaken to check such malpractices; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The fares of auto-riskshaws and taxis have been revised thrice in the recent past as per details given below:—

Autorickshaws (in rupees)

	Pre-revised	Revised on		
		24-3-90	16-10-90	26-7-91
Initial fare/km.	1.56	3.00	3.40	3.50
Subsequent fare per km.	1.20	1.40	1.50	1.80
Taxis				
Initial fare/km.	3.30	5.00	5.60	5.80
Subsequent fare/km.	2.40	2.80	3.20	3.60

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Under the permit conditions, it is mandatory to display fare charts in auto-rickshaws and taxis. Details of the fare revision have also been given wide publicity through Newspapers.

(e) to (g) 44 complaints of over-charging have been received in the last six months. On receipt of the complaints received by the Transport Department, Delhi Administration, show cause notices for suspension of permits have been issued.

Compensation by the Government of Saudi Arabia for accidental death of Sunil Vadehra

1501. SHRI RAJMOHAN GANDHI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Saudi Arabian authorities have revised their decision awarding discriminatory compensation for the accidental death of SUNIL VADEHRA in Saudi Arabia in 1984; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government of India to obtain a revision?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Ministry of External Affairs has taken up the matter with the Saudi authorities both in New Delhi and in Riyadh.

Proposal for new National Highways in the country

1502. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:

SHRI SOM PAL:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state whether Government have received proposals for new National Highways from States/UTs; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): Yes, Sir. A statement is annexed.

Statement

Details of the proposals of New National Highways during the 8th Five Year Plan

Position as on 01-07-1991

S.No.	State	No. of proposals	Appx. length Kms.
1	Andhra Pradesh	14	4112
2	Assam	2	360
3	Arunachal Pradesh	1	400
4	Bihar	5	1310
5	Gujarat	8	2230
6	Haryana	3	359
7	J & K	1	400
8	Kerala	5	300
9	Karnataka	11	3825
10	Maharashtra	11	4679
11	Meghalaya	2	220
12	Madhya Pradesh	12	6656
13	Nagaland	1	220
14	Orissa	2	700
15	Pondicherry	1	39
16	Rajasthan	4	940
17	Sikkim	1	30
18	Tamil Nadu	16	3355
19	Uttar Pradesh	4	1160
20	West Bengal	5	495
		109	31780

चम्बल नदी पर सड़क पुल

1503. डा० अबरार अमहद : क्या जल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) राजस्थान और मध्य प्रदेश के बीच चम्बल नदी पर सड़क पुल निर्माण